

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

This merger is a bad idea. If approved there would be no competition. The rates (already too high) would only go higher. The customer service would be even worse than it is now. Cable is not competition for sat. as the picture quality is terrible. Would customers have to purchase more costly equipment? Pay to have it installed? Local Cable companies promised high speed internet access also. It either never happened or was cost prohibitive. I don't for one second think that I as a paying subscriber, would benefit in any way by this merger. Ever read the Sherman anti trust act? Monopolies stink. Local networks are already available with an antenna for a small price. Next to nothing compared with a new sat. system. I use one, so can most people .. I dropped Directv service because of very poor treatment. I now subscribe to Dishnet. the customer service is lousy there also. once merged the 'I do not care cause if you want to watch premium tv you deal with me' attitude will be even worse than it is now. Call either company as a customer today. discover how long you wait on hold how little the company actually cares. then multiply that poor attitude by 10,000. The paying public needs more competition in all areas. not less.

Sincerely,

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